

**Amendments to the Specification:**

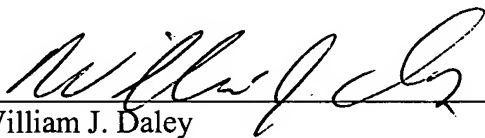
Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4 through 5 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Nonprovisional patent application Serial No. ~~10/227,672~~ 10/229,672, filed August 27, 2002.

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